



Get ready for SW ArtsFest 2011

This month, our neighborhood welcomes music lovers, art lovers and bargain hunters to Southwest and near Southwest. On Thursday, Sept. 22, at Nationals Park, Washington Opera will offer Opera in the Outfield, a free simulcast of Tosca. Then, from Friday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Sept. 25, the Southwest neighborhood will hold its first annual SW ArtsFest.

Bracketed by the (e)merge art fair and the Marcatus Creative Art Market, SW ArtsFest 2011 will extend from South Capitol Street to the Southwest waterfront. The festival will include family activities, flea markets, yard sales, dramatic readings, dance, music, movies, walking tours and food.

Many SW ArtsFest 2011 venues will have food for sale, and nearly every event will offer free admission.

One rare exception represents SW ArtsFest's global reach. The (e)merge art fair will feature exhibitions of art by emerging local and international galleries and artists, all for \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors). At the Capitol Skyline Hotel, (e)merge will represent D.C.'s answer to Art Basel, the world's premier international show

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for modern and contemporary art.

Across Southwest at the waterfront, Art Whino will bring back its free Marcatus Creative Art Market, with artist' tents and arts and crafts tables.

Smack in the middle, Westminster Presbyterian Church will host its weekly Friday Jazz Night in Southwest (admission \$5), its 10th annual free DC Jazz Preservation Festival and the Human Rights Film Festival (also free). Across Fourth Street, Christ United Methodist Church will host a yard sale, a folk concert,

dramatic readings, art exhibits and dance classes (\$15 per class).

There's even more. Arena Stage will host hand dancing and building tours; St. Augustine's will hold its annual End-of-Summer Fair; and Hoffman-Madison Waterfront will offer food, music, and a free Sock Monkey Art Studio at the Seventh Street Landing. Bring your kids, and extra socks! Second Union Baptist Church will hold a flea market featuring neighborhood artists and Second Baptist Church Southwest will host a Southwest church musical showcase. To show off our neighborhood, Washington Walks will offer free 90-minute walking tours.

For times, dates, a map and other details, see Page 7. You can also visit www.swdcartsfest.org, email swartsfest@gmail.com or info@swdcartsfest.org, or call (202) 320-3123. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Mitchell at volunteerswartsfest@yahoo.com or (202) 320-3123.

On the last weekend in September, Southwest is the place to be!

Target and Heart of America dedicate library space at Amidon-Bowen

By Meg Brinckman

Students, families, staff members and guests of honor gathered in the beautifully renovated second floor library space at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School on Aug. 24. Guests of honor included Reba Daninski, Director for Community Relations for Target;

ing to the fun was "Bullseye," the Target dog.

The ribbon cutting marked the completion of the project that brings the underutilized space to the level of the needs of today's students. It features 2,000 new books; eco-friendly design elements; new furniture, carpet and shelves; as well as new computers and iPads.

A special feature in the library is a bubblegum mosaic (yes, bubblegum!) created by artist Franz Spohn and executed by the children. It depicts the Amidon-Bowen Tiger mascot and the overarching message of this school and this library — READ. For those who would like to know the details, the mosaic includes 3,386 purple, 3,568 white, 534 yellow, 3,210 green, 689 pink, 3,158 orange and 829 red pieces of bubblegum.

The project was brought to completion by a small army of Target volunteers in bright red shirts who shelved the books, decorated the halls, decorated the front entrance to the school and hung the tree in the play yard with books. At 3:30 p.m. the celebration moved to the gym, the halls and outside in the play yard. All children in the school, their parents and sib-



Principal Izabela Miller stands with the gumball mosaic artist Franz Spohn. The mosaic was created with the help of Dawn Gray's third grade class. Photo by Perry Klein.

Angie and Bill Halamandaris, Co-founders, Heart of America Foundation; D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray; Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells; Ward 6 School Board of Education Member Monica Warren Jones; Ward 7 State School Board of Education Member Dorothy Douglas; Amidon-Bowen Principal Izabela Miller; Amidon-Bowen's new librarian Jessica Zeiler; and students of Dawn Gray's third grade class. Add-



The proud graduates at the Computer-for-Kids graduation ceremony on August 20. Photo by Perry Klein.

Computers-for-Kids Graduates Youngest Group Ever

By Thelma D. Jones

A standing room only crowd witnessed the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) Computers-for-kids graduation and reception Aug. 20 at Lucky Kabob Indian Restaurant on First Street, SW. Graduating students included Perrion Ballinger, Kennari Ballinger, Heavin Holmes, Goldie Holmes, John Holmes, Marasia Hudgens, Terrence Walker and Savannah Parks.

Graduating students were presented certificates of completion by senior computer

instructor Gerald Brown and new instructor Frank Fu, who also emceed the program. They will also receive a refurbished computer from the SWNA Southwest Technology Task Force with the understanding that they will share the information learned with their entire household.

The graduation's theme, "Computer Basics: Preparing Young Minds for the Digital Future" aptly reflected the eight weeks of training for the youngest group of students trained since the program's inception in

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lings were invited to participate. Photographers took photos of the families and printed and presented them on the spot. All children went home with seven books, chosen for their grade level and a pair of "custom" decorated reading glasses of their own design.

In addition, Target's program, Meals for Mind food pantry, provided bags of food for students and parents to take home. This program will continue with food distributions on a monthly basis. Target is joined by Martha's Table to provide staple items and fresh produce to all Amidon-Bowen families for the next year.

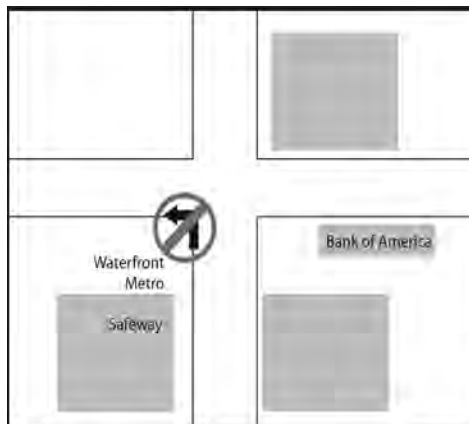
Target has renovated five libraries this year in local elementary schools. Davis, Garfield, Garison and Orr have all received renovations in addition to Amidon-Bowen. Over the past five years, Target has transformed 76 libraries countrywide. This year alone, Target has renovated 42 libraries across the nation. The company's goal is to give \$1 billion to education by 2015. Target is committed to helping more students read proficiently by the end of third grade.



Amidon-Bowen's new librarian, Jessica Zeiler, sits with some of the third grade class that helped to create the renovated library's gumball mosaic. Photo by Perry Klein.

Fourth and M streets intersection reconfigured

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) expects to complete design configurations, including banning left turns on the southbound approach from Fourth Street, SW onto M Street, SW as of Sept. 16. According to DDOT's James Cheeks, the department has completed the traffic-signal modifications and is currently testing the equipment. DDOT has also created the signs and marking plans associated with the new left-turn ban for cars coming from the Safeway side of Fourth Street. The estimated completion date of Sept. 16 is based on good weather and no additional delays.



Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

THURS. 1 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Councilmember Tommy Wells Office Hours, Channel Inn on the Waterfront, 650 Water St., SW

5 P.M.-8 P.M. Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues at 7th Street Landing, music by Tinaz Blues, 700 Water St., SW

FRI. 2 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Autumn Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup at 7th Street Landing, music by Sweet Leda, 700 Water St., SW

6 P.M.-8 P.M. Friday night concert featuring Rise and Fall, Yards Park, Third and Water streets, SE. Food vendors Devine Foods with boardwalk eats, Doug the Food Dude and Smokin Somethin BBQ. Bars by Mie N Yu featuring wine, beer, frozen cocktails, sodas and more.

6:30 P.M. Potluck and game night, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW

SAT. 3 9 a.m. YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

10 A.M. Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

THURS. 8 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues at 7th Street Landing, music by Lavenia Nesmith & Friends, 700 Water St., SW

FRI. 9 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Autumn Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup at 7th Street Landing, music by Crawdaddies, 700 Water St., SW

6 P.M.-8 P.M. Friday night concert featuring Divide by Zero, Yards Park, Third and Water streets, SE. Food vendors Devine Foods with boardwalk eats, Doug the Food Dude and Smokin Somethin BBQ. Bars by Mie N Yu featuring wine, beer, frozen cocktails, sodas and more.

SAT. 10 9 a.m. YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

10 A.M. Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

MON. 12 SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS, SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3

7 P.M. Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW

THURS. 15 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues at 7th Street Landing, music by Curtis Poke & The Midnight Movers, 700 Water St., SW

FRI. 16 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Autumn Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup at 7th Street Landing, music by Apple Scruffs, 700 Water St., SW

SAT. 17 9 a.m. YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

10 A.M. Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

11 A.M. Capital Community Family Festival, Yards Park, Third and Water streets, SE

SUN. 18 8 a.m.-2 p.m. FANtastic March 10K Run/Walk around the monuments. Starts and ends at Hains Point, with a BBQ after the race to celebrate everyone's efforts. Entry fee of \$50/person includes breakfast, stretching, BBQ and a t-shirt. Funds go toward the CBCC, to build a playground in SW. For more information, contact Linda Beltran at lbeltran@mohg.com

THURS. 22 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues at 7th Street Landing, music by Greg Lamount Trio, 700 Water St., SW

7:30 P.M. Opera in the Outfield featuring Puccini's *Tosca*. Nationals Stadium, 1500 South Capitol St., SE

FRI. 23 SW ArtsFest 2011, see page 7 for locations, map, and other details

6 P.M.-8 P.M. Autumn Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup at 7th Street Landing, music by Sons of Pirates, 700 Water St., SW

SAT. 24 SW ArtsFest 2011, see page 7 for locations, map, and other details

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10 A.M. Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

SUN. 25 SW ArtsFest 2011, see page 7 for locations, map, and other details

MON. 26 7 p.m. Southwest Neighborhood Assembly community meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW

THURS. 29 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues at 7th Street Landing, music by the Earl Wilson Quintet, 700 Water St., SW

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

LUNCHTIME MOVIES FOR TEENS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW, every Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 2 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS SEPT. 12 AND IS SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW, every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS SEPT. 12 AND IS SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW, every first and third Monday from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING FILMS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW, every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS SEPT. 12 AND IS SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS, South-

west Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 1: Introduction to the Internet, Sept. 8: District of Columbia Public Library website. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS SEPT. 12 AND IS SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3.

THE SOUTH WASHINGTON WEST OF THE RIVER FATHERHOOD PROGRAM, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St., SW, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Alphonso Coles at (202) 870-1885.

SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP, Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW. Contact Willie Mae Stukes, sewing teacher, at (301) 445-1792. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and updating their hand and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except for July and August.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St., SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY NA, Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW (202) 484-7700.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, Jitter bug, lindy hop. Saturdays, 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children ages 8-17. Christ United Methodist community room off Wesley Pl., SW.

HAIKU TO HIP HOP, creative writing workshop Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. For ages 12 through 19, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW, For all levels, even beginners. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RENOVATIONS SEPT. 12 AND IS SET TO REOPEN MON., OCT. 3.

CHESS CLUB, Southwest Library main room, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (Sept. 7 only date this month, resumes on Oct. 5). For all levels.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various blues musicians and singers featured each Monday, \$5. Food for sale, SW Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW (202) 484-7700.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, 4 p.m. Seated yoga and healing sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine), 5:30 p.m. Laughter yoga (Claire Trivedi), 7 p.m. Sampoorna yoga (Alex Rosen). Free with donations welcome, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW (202) 484-7700.

JAZZ NIGHT in SW, Fridays, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday, \$5. Food for sale. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW (202) 484-7700.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. First and third Wednesday each month. Buy, sell, and trade stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block I (Eye) St., SW (202) 291-6229.

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Please submit calendar items for October events by email to thesouthwester@gmail.com by September 15, 2011.

Southwest Library closed for makeover; announces transfer of Library Manager

The Southwest Library will receive a mini-makeover, including improvements to the Teen Space, installment of a new carpet, new paint and new furniture.

Library users with checked out books can renew or return them at any other D.C. Public Library location. Books can also be renewed online at dclibrary.org. The closest location for library services is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, located at

901 G St., NW. Holds will also be available for pickup at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library.

In addition, the Southwest Library sadly announced the departure of Library Manager Kerby Valladares. Valladares is being transferred to the Francis Gregory Library in the Hillcrest neighborhood and will be missed dearly by the Southwest community.



Community leaders are working to find a positive use for the open space in Lansburgh Park, above. Photo by Saadia Athias.

Neighborhood leaders' thoughts on parks, playgrounds and a jail

By Kael Anderson and Ron McBee

As President and Chair of the ANC 6D and Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, we've seen no shortage of discussions about Southwest's open spaces, whether it's the loss of open spaces along the Waterfront, the leaking roof at King Greenleaf, the exciting addition of new playgrounds or the emerging dog-park initiative. Indeed, our open spaces represent some of Southwest's greatest resources. But these resources, however attractive, are finite. With tens of thousands of new residents, workers and visitors coming to Southwest, not to mention the existing inadequacies, Ron and I have been working on improving access to and use of these spaces. As such, we thought it'd be a good time to recap what's in the pipeline.

First, to better understand our open-space opportunities, we invited historian and archivist Hayden Wetzel to undertake a documentation effort. Initial findings range from the significant to the trivial.

Wetzel discovered, in regards to Southwest's Waterfront parks, that "the broad, informal expanse of lawn and tree-lined promenade... was among the first riverfront reclamation projects for public recreational use to be realized in a U.S. city and equally pioneering in its integration with residential development." One bit of trivia for example is that Lansburgh Park is named after Mark Lansburgh, a department store owner and chair of the Revitalization Land Authority in Southwest.

Related research by Southwest resident Gita Morris is guiding the efforts of the Friends of the Southwest Duck Pond. The group, led by ANC

Commissioner Bob Craycraft, are continuing their laudatory efforts to restore and maintain the Duck Pond. Earlier this summer, the pump room flooded, causing the pond to take on a florescent, swamp-like appearance. But thanks to the efforts of the volunteer group and D.C.'s Department of Parks and Recreation, the Pond is returning to its normal state.

The group is now looking at securing available year-end money from the city to repair some of the crumbling brickwork. There have also been discussions about partnering with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly to facilitate larger rehabilitation projects.

Speaking of water, we'd be remiss if we didn't note the waterfront open spaces. The Hoffman-Madison Waterfront development plan will carve up the largely undeveloped waterfront and establish a number of high-quality open spaces. The design of the largest open space will be determined through a community-led process. Currently, the park located between M and N streets is included in the development team's Phase 1 construction, which is scheduled to be completed as early as 2012.

Playgrounds have been another hot topic. The SW Playground Project, lead by Felicia Coutts, is working on converting the poorly-maintained Town Center East Park into a playground. Buoyed by the support of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Safeway, and Station 4, the group has made remarkable strides toward its goal of raising \$1 million for the program. Carolyn Mitchell, board member and former president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly,

Nationals staff part of the gameday experience

By Atu Osei-Chambers

For some, Nationals Park is more than a place to enjoy a great game of baseball. To longtime Southwest resident Deborah Martin, the ballpark serves as a place from which to view the sights of the city.

"Nationals Park is so beautiful at night," Martin said. "If you're standing on the second and third levels, you can look out into the city and see the lights. It's a very beautiful thing to see."

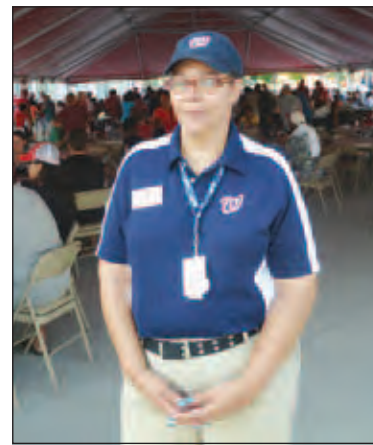
Since joining the Washington Nationals gameday staff in 2007, Martin, who works as a ticket taker, describes her experience as an employee in glowing terms.

"I love it," she said. "I love my supervisor and the people I work with. I couldn't ask for a better place to work."

Though Martin likes working with all Nationals fans, there is a particular group of fans she enjoys working with most.

"My job is most fulfilling when I work with fans who have physical disabilities," she said. "I really enjoy doing whatever it takes to make their gameday experience better."

A 20-year resident of Southwest, D.C., Martin doesn't hesitate to share her thoughts on the



Southwest resident Deborah Martin joined the Washington Nationals gameday staff in 2007. Photo courtesy of the Washington Nationals.

Nationals' place in the community.

"Jobs were created because of Nationals Park being built here," Martin said. "Above anything else, those are the kind of opportunities people around here needed more of. In fact, a few of my neighbors also work here at the ballpark. Little things like that help bring people closer together."

The Nationals also provide family-friendly entertainment which, according to Martin, is greatly needed in this community.

"Families now have something they can do

together," Martin added. "If they want to go to a baseball game, the park is right here. You can purchase tickets for \$5, pack a lunch and take your family out for a nice evening."

Overall, the native Washingtonian thinks the ballpark can only help improve her neighborhood.

"We have more people now visiting Southwest," she said. "People are now asking us about places they can hang out and have a good time after a ball game. Also, more businesses have started moving into the neighborhood, which is helping build up the area. It's a good thing for the community."

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Southwest D.C. Waterfront Boat Home Tour

On Aug. 13, our neighbors and resident live-aboards at Gangplank Marina opened up their homes to the public to show what it's like living on the water in our nation's capital. All 300 tickets were sold, and proceeds from the tour were donated to the Earth Conservation Corps and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. If you couldn't make it to the tour, we hope you enjoy this photo tour. Hopefully, our neighbors will hold this event again next year!



The American Spirit, a 65-foot schooner, is a restored vessel now used by DC Sail as a floating classroom. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Mark Grabowsky served visitors lemonade in the galley of his housebarge, Speak Easy. Photo by Perry Klein.



Jason Kopp on the bridge of Argo, a 40-foot flybridge houseboat. Jason is President of the Gangplank Slipholders Association. Photo by Perry Klein.



Leny stands on Our Island's rooftop garden. Photo by Perry Klein.



John Cox with daughters Galena and Raya on the Belle Maren, their 52-foot motor yacht. The family has lived on Gangplank for 6 years. Photo by Perry Klein.



Guests tour the Lion's Paw, a 55-foot flush deck cabin cruiser made with beautiful mahogany, douglas fir and teak. The owners have docked at Gangplank Marina for 9 years and lived aboard for 4. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Roberta Warren, an employee of MSI, aboard the Freedom. This is one of MSI's 14 boats, which are used as offices, docked at Gangplank Marina. Photo by Perry Klein.



Travis Johnson at the wheel of the Alt Angler. Photo by Perry Klein.



Judi Sutter (left) and Jo Chang alongside Shaolong, a converted tugboat. "Shaolong" means Little Dragon. Photo by Perry Klein.



Sarah Harmon, a 5-year resident, on the bridge of Southern Living. Photo by Perry Klein.



Sarah Harmon's Collie, Dylan, likes to retrieve his life vest and bring it back to his raft. Photo by Perry Klein.

Development news

By William Rich

■ Pre-leasing has begun at Foundry Lofts.

The apartment units will have 12-14' ceilings, exposed brick and concrete beams, along with hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Move-ins at the 170-unit apartment building at The Yards are scheduled to begin in October.

■ 950 L'Enfant Plaza was put on the market by Heyman Properties.

The office building is the south building at L'Enfant Plaza and is one of the buildings not owned by JBG (the other is the USPS headquarters), which is in the midst of renovating the retail center and plans to build a hotel, office and maybe apartments. The latest retailer to open at the renovated food court is Au Bon Pain.

■ The Southwest Post Office on Half Street is on the chopping block,

one of 19 post offices in the District that's slated to possibly close due to financial difficulties at the United States Postal Service. USPS leases the space from the Ruben Companies, which owns the rest of the block (including the Exxon gas station that once stood there). The current lease expires at the end of 2012.

■ The Georgetown University Health Dis-

parities office is moving into retail space at Capitol Hill Tower at 1100 New Jersey Ave., SE. The office will serve as a home base for employees who will do outreach in Wards 6, 7 and 8 to conduct research on environmental health, obesity, and breast cancer research.

■ Road work has begun on eastbound

Maine Avenue, SW from the northbound 14th Street Bridge ramp to 12th St., SW. The construction project will replace an existing 4-foot-wide sidewalk with a new 14-foot-wide trail that will accommodate pedestrians and bikes. The new trail is a link in the 20-mile Anacostia Riverwalk Trail that will span both sides of the river upon completion. On-street parking will be removed in this area as a result and one lane of traffic will be eliminated. The work is scheduled to be completed around mid-October.

Development news from Southwest was adapted from the Southwest...The Little Quadrant That Could blog (www.southwestquadrant.blogspot.com) and Near SE development news was adapted from the JD Land blog (www.jdland.com/dc).



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Fifth Annual SW Comm-Unity Day

On Sat., Aug. 6, the SW Comm-Unity Forum held its fifth annual SW Comm-Unity Day at King Greenleaf Recreation Center. This community- and family-focused event is a unique opportunity for organizations to display their programs, services, and activities with a focus on community building and family with themes that include health,

education, economic empowerment, teen issues and family values. The event included health information, senior activities, performances, community service exhibitors, and free food and activities for kids and adults of all ages.



LaRosa Fee, Doris Campbell and Diane Young get ready to win big at bingo. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Thelma Wise and Geraldine Nickens enjoy bingo inside the King Greenleaf Community Center during SW Comm-Unity Day. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Gerald Martin, Rita Ngale, Eloise Campbell and Dale Johnson-Campbell (left to right) take a break from bingo. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Paul Taylor stands in front of the SW Comm-Unity Day banner. Taylor grew up in Southwest and is now executive director of the Southwest Community Forum, which organizes this event, an annual celebration of Southwest pride. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



Shamia Johnson beams as she gets a pony ride. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.



The water balloon station was a popular place to cool down and have fun during SW Comm-Unity Day. Photo by Tiffany Klaff.

SW ARTSFEST

“DISCOVER SOUTHWEST”

www.swdcartsfest.org

MAP & SCHEDULE



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| 1 (e)merge art fair
Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I (Eye) St., SW | 5 Yard Sale, Art Show, Music, Readings, Dance Classes
Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St., SW | 9 Marcātus Creative Art Market
600 Water St., SW |
| 2 Church Musical Showcase
Second Baptist Church Southwest, 1200 Canal St., SW | 6 Jazz Night, Jazz Festival with arts and crafts, Film Festival
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW | 10 Sock Monkey Art Studio
7th Street Landing, 700 Water St., SW |
| 3 Find the Art in the Flea Market
Second Union Baptist Church, 1107 Delaware Ave., SW | 7 Hand Dancing, Facility Tours, Family Activities
Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St., SW | Food for sale |
| 4 Washington Walks Tour
Meet at Waterfront Metro, Fourth and M streets, SW | 8 End-of-Summer Fair
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW | Live music |

Admission to all SW ArtsFest events is free, with a few exceptions noted in the schedule below.

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

12 NOON to 7 P.M. - (e)merge art fair
Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I (Eye) St., SW
Admission \$15 (\$10 students and seniors)
Art galleries, unrepresented artists,
panel discussion and performances

6 P.M. to 8 P.M. - Sock Monkey Art Studio
7th Street Landing, 700 Water St., SW
Make your own sock monkey (bring your own socks)
Live music

6 P.M. to 9 P.M. - Friday Jazz Night in Southwest
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW
Admission \$5, children 16 and under free

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

9 A.M. to 5 P.M. - End-of-Summer Fair
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW
Arts, crafts and live music
Food for sale

10 A.M. to 3 P.M. - Find the Art in the Flea Market
Second Union Baptist Church, 1107 Delaware Ave., SW
Arts, crafts, jewelry and clothing

10 A.M. to 3 P.M. - Church Musical Showcase
Second Baptist Church Southwest, 1200 Canal St., SW
Performances by Southwest church choirs,
dancers and bands

10 A.M. to 5 P.M. - Open House
Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St., SW
Yard sale including books, arts, crafts, jewelry and clothing;
dance classes (\$15); folk concert; dramatic readings

11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. - Washington Walks Tour
Meet at Waterfront Metro, Fourth and M streets, SW
Tour the neighborhood with Washington Walks

11 A.M. to 6 P.M. - Marcātus Creative Art Market
600 Water St., SW
Artists' tents and arts and crafts tables
Food for sale

12 NOON to 6 P.M. - Hand Dancing, Facility Tours and Family Activities
Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St., SW
Hand dancing performances, tours of Arena Stage and
activities for the whole family

12 NOON to 6 P.M. - Sock Monkey Art Studio
7th Street Landing, 700 Water St., SW
Make your own sock monkey (bring your own socks)
Live music

12 NOON to 7 P.M. - (e)merge art fair
Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I (Eye) St., SW
Admission \$15 (\$10 students and seniors)
Art galleries, unrepresented artists,
panel discussion and performances

12 NOON to 8 P.M. - 10th Annual DC Jazz Preservation
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St., SW
Live jazz festival with crafts and food for sale

2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. - Washington Walks Tour
Meet at Waterfront Metro, Fourth and M streets, SW
Tour the neighborhood with Washington Walks

DAY 3: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12 NOON to 4 P.M. - Sock Monkey Art Studio
7th Street Landing, 700 Water St., SW
Make your own sock monkey (bring your own socks)
Live music

12 NOON to 5 P.M. - (e)merge art fair
Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I (Eye) St., SW
Admission \$15 (\$10 students and seniors)
Art galleries, unrepresented artists,
panel discussion and performances

1 P.M. to 8 P.M. - Human Rights Film Festival
Westminster Presbyterian Church
400 I (Eye) St., SW
Films about Martin Luther King, Jr., refugees,
the death penalty and the environment; films by
at-risk Southwest youth; filmmakers' panel discussion.
Co-sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church.

2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. - Washington Walks Tour
Meet at Waterfront Metro, Fourth and M streets, SW
Tour the neighborhood with Washington Walks

ENJOY SEPTEMBER ALONG THE WATERFRONT

THURSDAYS: Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues from 5-8pm

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| September 1 | Farmers Market
Tinaz Blues |
| September 8 | Farmers Market
Lavenia Nesmith & Friends |
| September 15 | Farmers Market
Curtis Poke & The Midnight Movers |
| September 22 | Farmers Market
Greg Lamount Trio |
| September 29 | Farmers Market
Earl Wilson Quintet |

Thursday evening activities at The Wharf also include Bean Baggo and Table Tennis.

The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

FRIDAYS: Autumn Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup from 6-8pm

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| September 2 | Sweet Leda
Food Truck Roundup |
| September 9 | Crawdaddies
Food Truck Roundup |
| September 16 | Apple Scruffs
Food Truck Roundup |
| September 23 | Sons of Pirates
Food Truck Roundup |

Friday evening activities at The Wharf also include King Ribs BAR-B-Q, Bean Baggo and Table Tennis. The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

SATURDAYS: Waterfront Workouts from 9-11am

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| September 3 | YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)
Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss (10am) |
| September 10 | YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)
Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss (10am) |
| September 17 | YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)
Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss (10am) |
| September 24 | YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)
Flow Yoga with Jessica Weiss (10am) |

Saturday activities at The Wharf also include a Wake Up Grill by King Ribs, Bean Baggo and Table Tennis. The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

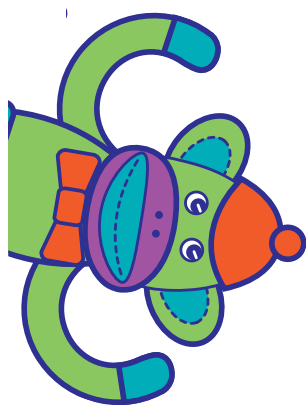
All events are FREE and open to the public.

The Wharf Farmers Market is managed by a partnership of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

The Wharf Jazz and Blues is produced by Jazz Night in Southwest, a project of Southwest Renaissance at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Wharf Autumn Rhythms are provided through the generosity of DC Harbor Cruises.

The Wharf Yoga classes are produced by Flow Yoga Center. The Wharf YaLa Fitness classes are produced by Laurent Amzallag.



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Saturday, September 24 from Noon-6pm

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THE MIKE WESTCOTT BLUES BAND from 2pm to 4pm

THE ANTHONY “SWAMPDOG” CLARK BLUES BAND
from 4pm to 6pm

Sunday, September 25 from Noon-4pm

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The Wharf is a \$2 billion, world-class, mixed-use waterfront development located on the historic Washington Channel in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood. The redevelopment area stretches across 27 acres of land and 24 acres of water from the Municipal Fish Market to Fort McNair. When complete, it will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, retail, office, hotel, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks.

The Wharf is a large-scale waterfront neighborhood developed by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront as part of the District of Columbia's Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. The Wharf development team is led by PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette and is comprised of ER Bacon Development, City Partners, Paramount Development, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse and Triden Development. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2012 and the first phase of The Wharf is scheduled to open in 2015. More information is available at www.wharfdc.com.



Opera in the Outfield to be held Sept. 22 at Nationals Park

The Washington National Opera will again host the free Opera in the Outfield on Thursday, Sept. 22. The simulcast viewing of *Tosca* will begin at 7:30 p.m., and Nationals Park gates will open at 5:30 p.m. with pre-opera activities, vendors, give-aways and more.

Tosca is the story of Floria Tosca's attempt to save her lover's life. Sept. 22 performance will star Patricia Racette as Tosca, Frank Porretta as Cavaradossi, Alan Held as Scarpia, Kenneth Kellogg as Angelotti, and Valeriano Lanchas as Sacristan.

The evening will also include performances by youth groups including the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y.

Stars, a double-dutch team from Greenbelt, MD; the Yorktown High School Marching band from Arlington, VA; and the Taratibu Pan-African Step Team from D.C. Prior to the simulcast there will be a screening of the famous Warner Bros. cartoon "What's Opera, Doc?"

Attendees can register for a chance to win a reserved seating at the park by registering on www.kennedy-center.org. Those who enter this contest are automatically entered to win a full season subscription for two to the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center's 2011-2012 season. Registration for this contest closes Sept. 19.



E. Faye Butler as Wileta Mayer with Garrett Neergaard as Eddie Fenton and Starla Benford as Millie Davis in the 2007 production *Trouble in Mind* at Baltimore's Centerstage. Directed by Irene Lewis. *Trouble in Mind* runs from September 9-October 23, 2011. Photo by Richard Anderson.

Arena Stage opens season with *Trouble in Mind*

By Sheila Wickowski

The first show of the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater's 2011-2012 season is Alice Childress' *Trouble in Mind*. The play, set in a Broadway theater in 1957, this play-within-a-play explores the differing expectations and dynamics of an interracial cast, assembled for the production of an anti-lynching drama, "Chaos in Belleville."

Arena favorite E. Faye Butler stars as the main character, Wileta Mayer, a movie actress set to act for the first time on a Broadway stage.

The fashions and jazz of the 50s time period promises to be a treat in Centerstage director Irene Lewis' production, but this is not some nostalgic trip down memory lane. The play is concerned with blatant injustices of the time including discrimination and inequality in education and employment. And these injustices are not just based on race, but also because on sex, age and handicaps differences.

As a side note, the first Civil Rights Act since Reconstruction was not passed until after Childress wrote this play.

These are serious topics and some have asked: Is it alright to laugh? Yes, for Childress called her play a comedy-drama. Her characters manage to achieve both humor and serious insight in the same breath.

While *Trouble in Mind* explores the dynamics in a racially charged time, Childress herself was a ground breaker in theater. As the first African-American woman to have her plays professionally produced in New York, she was also the first woman of color to win an Obie Award.

The irony is that the play with its plot revolving around a troubled production, was ini-

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: Alice Childress' *Trouble in Mind*, from Sept. 9 to Oct. 23.

TICKETS: \$55-85 subject to change and based on availability, plus applicable fees. Tickets may be purchased online at www.arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 Sixth St., SW. For information on savings programs such as student discounts, Southwest Nights, Pay-Your-Age tickets, Family Fun Packs, HOTTIX and Hero's Discounts, visit www.arenastage.org.

WHEN: Southwest Night for *Trouble in Mind* will be Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Regular performances are Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; Weekday matinees at noon on Oct. 12, 18 and 19. Sign-interpreted performance on Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. Audio-described performance on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. Open-captioned performance on Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

tially passed over in Broadway because Childress would not bend to the producer's demands to change the ending to a happy one for all.

There is much that is true about Childress' career that she put in her play, but there is also much about ourselves as we tackle what troubles are in one's mind.

The play is bound to start conversations, and that is perhaps the best ending to a play.

Arena Stage will host several events in conjunction with *Trouble in Mind*

Sept. 15 season opening. An evening of cocktails, dinner, the presentation of the American Artist Award to Tony and Emmy award-winning actress Leslie Uggams, and adessert reception after the performance. Call 202-600-4032 for information and tickets (\$250 and up).

Sept. 24 "Making Trouble: Women and Minorities in the Arts," a discussion about gender and minorities in the arts, 2 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 27 "No Business Like Show Business: Producing on Broadway," Managing Director Edgar Dobie will lead a free discussion on what it takes to get a play to Broadway. Features a reading of selections from the never produced third act for *Trouble in Mind*, which Childress wrote to please Broadway

producers, who were considering a transfer of her work. From 6 to 7 p.m. in the Mead Center's Molly Smith Study.

October 12 "Black face in the Media." In celebration of Alice Childress' birthday, October 12, there will be a conversation surrounding the influence of media in the fight for racial equality in the United States since the late 1940s. From 6 to 7 p.m.

For further information on post show discussion performances, call Arena at 202-488-3300 or check Arena's website www.ArenaStage.org. Follow Arena Stage on Twitter @arenastage and mention *Trouble in Mind* with #TiM. Visit Arena Stage on Facebook at www.facebook.com/arenastage.

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YATF

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October 2007. Students are normally ages 10 to 13, however, after noticing the interest expressed by the younger age group, YATF welcomed the seven to nine-year-old age group to the summer session's one-hour weekly classes.

Students learned about the parts of the computer and their functions with regular hands-on computer exercises and classroom assignments that tested the students' mastery of the information presented.

"People work on computers everyday," said instructor Gerald Brown. "However, they do not really know the parts of the computer and their functions. These kids do!"

Graduation requirements included good behavior, participation and attendance. Teachable moments and encouraging good eating habits during snack time were also a regular part of the training. Thanks to the newly installed computer center at Syphax Gardens Resident Council, the students had one of the best attendance records since the program's inception.

The guest speaker at the graduation was Lisa M. Matthews, Senior Information Technology Consultant, CGI Federal, who was raised in Southwest's Greenleaf Gardens on K Street, SW.

"I started exactly where you are," Matthews reminded students. "I listened to and took the advice of my parents, teachers and mentors

which helped me to make the right decisions and succeed in life. If you do the same, you can be right up here where I am one day."

Matthews also read "Oh, The Places You Go" by Dr. Seuss to encourage and remind students about the importance of dreaming and choosing their paths wisely and to ensure success. This was the second time Matthews spoke at the graduation, and she has been a role model to students since she joined the YATF in the mid-1980s to give back to her community. Other program speakers included Rick Bardach, Interim YATF Chairperson, ANC 6D Chair Ron McBee and SWNA President Kael Anderson.

Special recognition was awarded to Gloria Hamilton, president of the Syphax Gardens Resident Council, and ANC 6D Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton for their efforts in making Syphax Gardens Resident Council computer center available for the training and for presenting each student with a brand new book bag. Special thanks was given to Perry Klein, Chair of the SWNA Technology Task Force, Washington Cable, and Everybody Wins for their support, and Gurnam Singh, Owner of Lucky Kabab Restaurant who made his restaurant available to the community.

Thelma D. Jones is the co-founder of the YATF Computers-for-kids Program. She currently serves as YATF's Vice Chair and program coordinator.



Gurnam Singh of Lucky Kabob, Thelma Jones of the Youth Activities Task Force, Frank Fu a Computers-for-Kids instructor, ANC 6D Chair Ron McBee and SWNA president Kael Anderson stand inside the Southwest's Lucky Kabob after the Computers-for-Kids graduation ceremony. Photo by Perry Klein.

Lucky Kabob hosts graduation

By Kael Anderson

The Computer-for-Kids graduation was a remarkable experience not only because of the reason the community had come together, but because of the location: Lucky Kabob restaurant.

Lucky Kabob is an unpretentious Indian restaurant in Southwest on Q Street just off South Capitol Street. At a time when other nearby restaurants are opening to decidedly mixed reviews after much fanfare, Lucky Kabob quietly opened and established a solid reputation within the surrounding area. For those newcomers to Southwest, Lucky Kabob's owner, Gurnam Singh, is the same entrepreneur who owned and operated the popular Lucky's in the old Waterside Mall.

Participants and organizers of the Computer-for-Kids graduation wish to extend a very heartwarming thank you to Mr. Lucky, who graciously closed his dining room for the graduation ceremony.

Notes on the Nats: Southwest welcomes September team call-ups

By Zev Feder

September and April are favorite baseball months for fans. April brings a new season with anticipation of a new team's potential blossoming along with the cherry tree buds. In September, fans get a peek at next year's rookies and enjoy the end of summer and beginning of fall weather. So, here are some of the new green shoots that the Nationals may give a big-league look at.

Pitchers, hopefully, will include Brad Peacock and Tom Milone. Peacock is a right-hander with a fastball hitting the upper 90s and nicely averaging three walks and 10.2 strikeouts per nine innings this year in the minors for Harrisburg and Syracuse. Tom Milone has been similarly impressive, especially in his control statistics, averaging less than one walk and more than nine strikeouts per nine innings at Syracuse.

If these guys perform as well as envisioned, the National's starting rotation next year could include some dynamic young talent. With established starters Steve Strasburg, Jordan Zimmerman and John Lannan returning, and Chien-Ming Wang, Ross Detwiler and the ever-young Livan Hernandez added to the mix, this rotation may not challenge the Phillies starting pitching in salary but may give them a run for their money in the standings.

Chien-Ming Wang is a surgery-rehabilitated version of a September call-up, although he appeared this season on the baseball field a month or so early. Having won 19 games in both 2006 and 2007 for the NY Yankees, he had major shoulder surgery in 2009 which made his attempted return to stardom a long-shot, uphill battle. If he succeeds, it would be a huge payoff for the Nationals on the gutsy investment they made in his rehabilitation.

Steve Lombardozzi, a switch-hitting second baseman, the son of a six-year major league infielder, plays the game with the hustle and game smarts expected of a baseball family

upbringing. He hit over .300 with Harrisburg and Syracuse and is a base-stealing threat. Lombardozzi will put pressure on our very talented resident middle infielders, Ian Desmond and Danny Espinosa. Since our current second baseman, Espinosa, also spent his minor league career as a bazooka-armed shortstop, the competition for the two positions among the three acrobatic infielders will be fun to watch.

Chris Marrero is a power-hitting first baseman, also hitting about .300 for Syracuse this season. He has been working hard at improving his defensive skills at first base, although that position seems to be well-occupied with Michael Morse, both offensively and defensively. Morse has proven to be an excellent defensive first baseman and has been less impressive when playing the outfield, so Marrero's value may prove to be as a part of a trade to strengthen the team at another position. However, if Morse can improve his outfield play with hard work, as he did his first baseman skills, Marrero could prove an exciting option at first base.

And can you say Steven Strasburg and Bryce Harper? Strasburg worked hard during his year-long rehab not only getting his pitching arm ready but strengthening his legs and abdominal muscles. If he follows the path that Jordan Zimmerman just completed, having had the same surgery and rehab program a year earlier, Strasburg will tease us in September with his talent, but I can't wait for next April.

A look at Harper would be this September's cherry-on-our-sundae bonus. Harper has already been fun to watch, and his talent is obvious. He throws with power and hits with even more power. But his competitive attitude is also equally enthralling. He wears his emotions on his sleeve and brings an energy to the field that builds energy in the stands. The only little thing he needs to do, before is hit major league pitching. Time will tell and, as an 18-year-old, time is on his and on the Nationals side.

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Pictured with Father Schommer (center) at the reception following the service are long term parishioners Mary Lou Considine (left) and Jay M. Castano. Photo by Sheila Wickouski.

St. Dominic’s welcomes new pastor

By Jodi McCarthy

The local Catholic community at St. Dominic Church welcomes their new pastor, Father George Schommer who comes to St. Dominic’s from Saint Gertrude’s Catholic Church in Cincinnati, Ohio where he served as an associate pastor for several years.

Fr. Schommer is a native of Detroit, Mich. and is the eldest of four sons. His parents, married 51 years, still live in the home where Fr. Schommer was born and raised. Fr. Schommer knew he was bound for a religious life and the priesthood at the age of 26 while listening to the divine gospel. His calling to serve from God struck him when he heard the words of Jesus as recorded in John 15:1-2; “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

Fr. Schommer studied at the Dominican House of Studies, a graduate school for theological study, here in Washington, D.C. His roots in D.C. expand to St. Dominic’s where he was ordained as a priest in May of 1994. His return to St. Dominic’s is noted to be “like coming home.”

His familiarity and love of the District will be evident as he settles in to his new role as pastor

of the only Catholic Church in Southwest. He wishes to bring good preaching, programs and evangelization; and solid Catholic catechises and meaningful service to the neighborhood. Fr. Schommer is determined to cross the “great divide” (I-395) and reach out to the community, reminding everyone that St. Dominic’s is a vital part of the neighborhood and will do its part to participate in local events and social responsibilities.

St. Dominic’s bids farewell to Father Gregory Salomone, OP who served as the church’s pastor for more than eight years. While Fr. Salomone will be missed, the church is excited about the arrival of the new leader and is looking forward to what he will bring to the community.

St. Dominic Catholic Church has graced the Washington skyline since its dedication in 1875. The 24 stained glass windows depict significant life events of the church’s patron saint, Spanish-born Saint Dominic of Osma. St. Dominic was the founder of the Dominican Order of Preachers (O.P.), or Dominicans. The church remains the Dominican residence for the D.C. area. One floor of the residence, located behind the church, is a center for assisted living for senior priests and brothers, who are cared for by the Dominicans themselves and a small staff of lay nurses.

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Religious Calendar

- Galilee A.M.E. Church**
Worshipping at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW
202-258-6812
Rev. S. Isaiah Harvin
Sunday: 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study
7:30 p.m.
- Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God**
60 I St. SW
202-251-5137
Pastor Fitzgerald Carter
Sunday: 10:45 a.m.; Friday Prayer and Bible Study: 8 p.m.
- Carron Baptist Church**
1354 First St., SW
202-484-3172
Pastor Lester W. Allen
Sunday: 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon Day Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Friendship Baptist Church**
900 Delaware Ave. SW
202-488-7417
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little, Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 A.M, Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study
- Riverside Baptist Church**
Seventh St. and Maine Avenue SW
202-554-4330
Pastor Michael Bledsoe, Ph.D.
Sunday: 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m.
- St. Matthew’s Baptist Church**
1105 New Jersey Ave. SE
202-488-7298
Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. Washington, Pastor
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School; 9:05 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Second Baptist Church Southwest**
First & M streets, SW
202-484-3112
Pastor C.L. Brown
Sunday: Church School 8:30 a.m.; Morning Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study noon and 7 p.m.
- Second Union Baptist Church**
1107 Delaware Ave. SW
202-484-7012
Rev. William Harrison, Pastor
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship
- St. Dominic Catholic Parish**
603 E St. SW
202-554-7863
Fr. Gregory Salomone,
O.P. Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:15 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**
14 M St. SE
202-488-1354
Fr. Richard Gancayco
Sunday: 8 a.m.
Mon. and Fri.: 12:10 p.m.
- St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church**
600 M St. SW
202-554-3222
Rev. Martha Clark
marthakclark@yahoo.com
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church**
Worshipping at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Fourth St. NW at Judiciary Square
410-375-5053 (cell)
Pastor Phillip Huber
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.: Bread and Soup, 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- Christ United Methodist Church**
900 Fourth St. SW
202-554-9117
Rev. Adrienne Terry
Sunday: 10 a.m.
Thursday: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m., Bible Study
- St. Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church**
401 I St., SE
202-997-3049
Rev. Karen Mills
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
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Information gathering for Certified Business Enterprise licensees to be held Oct. 6

By Ruth Hamilton

Being licensed as a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) is an important step to taking advantage of economic opportunities arising from development. A wine and cheese informational/networking gathering for near SE and SW residents with CBE licenses will be held Oct. 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Westminster Church located at 400 I St., SW.

The gathering, hosted by the Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC), will be an opportunity to bring together current and future CBE owners to learn about new opportunities arising from the SW Waterfront development and other projects in the area. All attendees will help to build the local network and advocate for local preferences. Information on how to become a licensed CBE will also be offered. For more information contact Ruth Hamilton at 202-641-8221.

Seminar on homosexuality and the Bible to be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church

By Ruth Hamilton

Westminster Presbyterian Church D.C., an open and inclusive congregation located at 400 I St., SW, will present a seminar titled "The Scrolls Revealed! Homosexuality and the Bible: An In-depth Study." The seminar will be held at the church on Oct. 8, with registration starting at 9:30 a.m., and the seminar lasting from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a lunch break.

The intent of the Seminar is to show that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality as some churches continue to teach. In order to better understand certain scriptures, participants will look at ancient scrolls through the influences of ancient Middle Eastern traditions, Hebrew tradition, Greek and Roman traditions, and early Christian situations, with emphasis on true translations instead of misguided interpretations.

The syllabus for the seminar includes the following: Matthew 19:16-24, Historical-Critical Reading vs. Literal Reading, It's wrong to pick and choose scripture, Our destiny as Christians, Defining Sexuality, Defining Spirituality, Going

from In-headment to Embodiment, Challenging scripture, Translation vs. Interpretation, Forming a definition, Deuteronomy 23:17-18, Genesis 18,19 – The Sodom Story, Judges 19:14-25, What other scriptures say about Sodom, Leviticus – The Holiness Codes, All those abominations, Deuteronomy 22:22-23, The Romans and their Pederasts, Matthew 8:5-10, 13, 1st Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1st Timothy 1:8-11.

The facilitator for the seminar will be the Reverend Harry Stock. He completed five years of study in the West Virginia School of Religion, received a BA degree from West Virginia University, and received a Masters of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained an Episcopal Priest in 1981 and later transferred his credentials to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches which ordained him in 1991. He served as Pastor of the Church of the Disciples, MCC, for fourteen years and served on the faculty of Samaritan Institute of Religious Studies for ten years where he taught "Homosexuality and the Bible" and "Introduction to Sexuality Studies."

He is currently serving as Parish Partner at Westminster Church.

Registration for the seminar is \$20 and includes lunch and a binder with all working materials. For further information or to register for the seminar, call 202-484-7700 or email Co-Pastor Ruth Hamilton at rwh@westminsterdc.org.

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is currently working with the American Society of Landscape Architects to secure pro bono assistance to develop a successful design.

Meanwhile, Amidon-Bowen Elementary School's renovation plans will result in a new elementary-age playground by 2014. School officials are now working to accelerate the playground component in hopes of delivering it in 2012.

With the increasing popularity of dogs in Southwest, Jessica Blond has organized a Google Group to coordinate related efforts, including dog walks. Unfortunately recent discussions with Councilmember Tommy Wells revealed that fencing, drainage and other required improvements would place the cost of a dog park at between \$2 million and \$4 million. In addition, we learned that temporary solutions do not have enough political support.

Another burgeoning initiative is community gardens. Southwest has a number of community gardens, but unfortunately most of these, including those at St. Augustine's and St. Matthews churches, are at risk due to redevelopment. Southwest resident David Suls is leading the effort to identify a replacement. The undeveloped Waterfront Station sites were quickly identified as the best near-term alternatives. Unfortunately, neither landowners (Vornado) nor the Deputy Mayor's Office for Economic Development is supporting short-term community improvements. Although a handful of other sites like Lansburgh Park may be available, securing and/or funding water access remains the principal challenge.

Recognizing that Lansburgh Park represents perhaps the greatest underutilized yet challenging open space opportunity, Ron and I have made a concerted effort to galvanize discussions and efforts around this space. We've held a number of meetings with individuals and groups to explore how to best improve the park and integrate multiple community uses. With increased awareness and interest, and Councilmember Tommy Wells' new post as chair of the D.C. Council committee overseeing parks, Ron was able to secure his commitment to light Lans-

burgh Park. This should go a long way toward making the park more usable and safe.

Kael, also a SW ArtsFest board member, is exploring how to better facilitate special event permitting at Lansburgh. Regarding near-term recreation uses, we're looking at "pop-up play areas." This model, already popular in New York City, embraces recreational outlets that require little or no capital improvements. Ron is floating the idea with Councilmember Wells of a skateboard area on nonfunctional tennis courts. Such an effort to positively engage area youth has successfully worked in the Shaw neighborhood.

We are also looking forward to progress at Southwest's recreation centers. For several months King Greenleaf's roof has been leaking because the flashing at the roof's joints prematurely peeled away. The Mayor's Office of Community Engagement is now looking into securing an insurance payment to fund a replacement roof. In addition, D.C. Water is currently installing King Greenleaf's first outdoor drinking fountain.

Southwest's other recreation center, Randall Recreation, has long been predominately used as a city-wide recreation center by the non-profit United Planning Organization. Southwest community leaders are looking to identify how this resource could be more used by Southwesterners. We are also looking forward to the District carrying out a Memorandum of Agreement with Telesis/Rubell to develop the Randall School area. If the agreement is finalized, the Randall Recreation Center may benefit from a new pool, overhead lights, dedicated parking spaces and new landscaping.

Last but not least, the emerging Buzzard Point area is very much in play. Plans for the area were captured in a recent community visioning process organized by the American Planning Association. The final report called for a substantial amount of waterfront public spaces, anchored by a re-envisioned Pepco Generation not unlike London's Tate Modern museum.

Of course, connecting these local gathering places equally important, and we're happy to see such progress:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is improving Maine Avenue's pinch point north of the Fish Market by replacing the 4-foot wide sidewalk with a 14-foot wide trail

accommodating both pedestrians and bicyclists.

DDOT commenced construction of a long-awaited floating bridge between Diamond Teague Park and the Yards Park this spring and intends to conclude construction by October.

Multiple Federal and District agencies are working on what's called the Southwest Eco-District. Among the primary objectives, the team is looking to reconstruct the Tenth Street corridor from the Fish Market to the National Mall, install decking over a portion of the SW/SE Freeway and restore Maryland Avenue SW to better mirror the feeling of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, its sister avenue across the National Mall. All of these initiatives would improve the view shed and make the streets more pedestrian-friendly.

There has also been unconfirmed talk of a soccer stadium for D.C. United being built on a large centrally located site owned by Akridge. Although posing some circulation concerns, such plans generally represented a positive development for Southwest. More recently, Tommy Wells floated the idea of moving the D.C. Jail to Buzzard Point in Southwest and is asking Akridge to consider swapping its Southwest land for a site in Capitol Hill East. To explore what the construction of a jail would mean for our community, the Southwest Neighborhood Association is considering holding a town hall meeting with the Capitol Riverfront BID.

We look forward to continued progress and invite all Southwesterners to help plan and implement the future of Southwest's open spaces.

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Spirits run high at Amidon Bowen Elementary School's August 22 Opening Day

By Meg Brinckman

Students and parents filled Amidon-Bowen on August 22 to begin the 2011-2012 school year. Currently nearly 300 students are enrolled in the school, compared to last year's enrollment of 265. In fact there is a waiting list for students in the pre-school and pre-kindergarten classes.

Members of the community including Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D Commissioners; Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Officers; members of Christ United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church; Metropolitan Police First District with McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog; Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall; Screech, the mascot of the Nationals; and the Graduate School welcomed parents and students as they entered the building.

Potbelly and Safeway provided breakfast for faculty mem-



Principal Izabela Miller greets students outside Amidon-Bowen on the first day of classes. Photo by Perry Klein.



This group from Ft. McNair handed out trinkets to kids on their way into the elementary school. Photo by Perry Klein.

bers, staff members, parents and volunteers. This is the third year ANC 6D Commissioner Ron McBee has organized the breakfast and provided a special welcome on the front steps of the school for students and parents. This year was special because new Principal Izabela Miller and Vice Principal Dwayne Ham, along with 26 new faculty and staff members were also experiencing their first day at Amidon-Bowen.

Miller expressed her belief that Amidon Bowen will become a true "community school" with support from all parts of the community. She led staff members, students, their parents and the community members in the following pledge.

"I promise to do my best. I am expected to keep the peace. I will respect the adults who teach me and the learning that takes place here. My future is bright, high hopes are mine, I will do what is right."

Community Honor Roll

Here is the growing list of the community members and organizations that helped Amidon-Bowen make a good start this year.

Ron McBee, ANC 6D Chair
 Bob Craycraft, Commissioner, ANC6D
 Rhonda Hamilton, Commissioner, ANC6D
 Commander Daniel Hickson, 1st District MPD
 Carolyn Smith, 1st District MPD
 Meg Brinckman, Writer, *The Southwester*
 Eve Brooks, SW/SE Parents and Neighbors for Excellence Now!
 Julia Peyton, SW/SE Parents and Neighbors for Excellence Now!
 Leonora Morange, SW/SE Parents and Neighbors for Excellence Now!
 Rick Bardach, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Youth Activities Task Force
 Perry Klein, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Technology Task Force
 Thelma Jones, Breast Health Awareness
 Monica Evans, Girl Scouts
 Jay Nickerson, Washington Waterfront Association
 James Huske, Graduate School
 Orlando Davis, Graduate School
 Mike Bigelow, Safeway
 Mama Gou, Potbelly
 Col. Carl R. Hoffman, Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall
 Leah Rubalcaba, Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall
 Eileen Daniels, National Defense University
 Rev. Ruth Hamilton, Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Adrienne Terry and her grandson Charlie, members of the Christ United Methodist Church
 Geraldine Whitley, member of the Christ United Methodist Church
 Corinne Schott, member of the Christ United Methodist Church
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial opens to public in Southwest

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial opened on Ohio Drive in the Southwest section of the Tidal Basin. The memorial opened to the public during the week of Aug. 21 to crowds and fanfare. The official dedication ceremony that was to be held August 28 was postponed due to Hurricane Irene.

The memorial covers space along the Tidal Basin across the water from the Jefferson Memorial. It includes various stone and water elements including three stone mountains, one including



Photos by Erin Fitzgerald

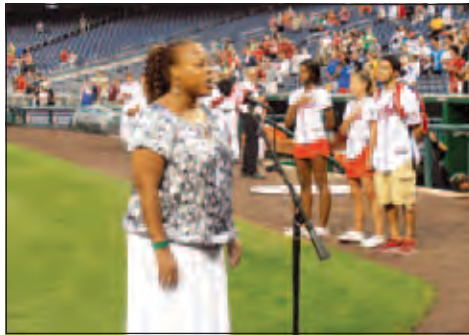
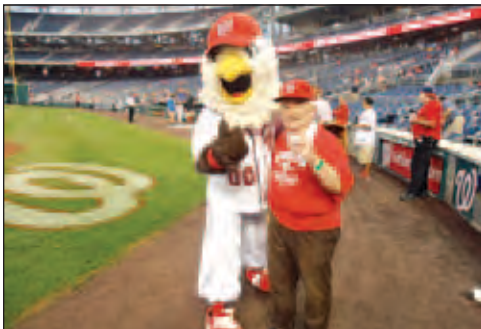
a large statue of Dr. King, a stone wall with quotes, and small waterfalls.

As of now the only entrance to the memorial is through a walkway from Independence Avenue, SW. Once the remainder of the construction materials are removed visitors will be able to walk from the Jefferson Memorial, through the FDR Memorial, to the new King Memorial



Washington Nationals host Southwest community night

The Washington Nationals hosted members of the Southwest neighborhood for the Thursday, Aug. 25 game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Nationals ended up losing but the evening was still filled with fun for Southwest residents. Photos below taken by Perry Klein.



Above, Shontaya Ferguson sings the National Anthem prior to the Southwest Community night at Nationals Park

ANC 6D Chair Ron McBee poses with mascot Screech. McBee threw out the first pitch prior to the Washington Nationals game on Aug. 25.

DC Sail has busy summer

By Nancy Simonson

It's been a busy month at DC Sail which extends its thanks to everyone for their ongoing participation and support of the community sailing program. DC Sail launched a new Schooner Camp, participated in the Floating Homes Tour and wrapped up the "Kids Set Sail" season.

Wednesday Social Sails have been brimming to capacity. Adult lessons, rentals and racing nights are showing an increase in participation, and the DC Sail Schooner, the American Spirit, has been at capacity for the Friday sunset sails.

As if that wasn't enough, DC Sail raised over \$50,000 in scholarships for its kids programs with the Blue Crabs 'n Bluegrass fundraiser and the help of community participants, donations and sponsors. A special thank you goes to corporate donors Phillips Seafood, LSI, a Metcor Company, The Commonwealth Foundation, MSI (Management Systems International), ASME Foundation, Northrop Grumman, Diversified Search and The Wharf, Hoffman-Madison Waterfront.

DC Sail is enormously proud of local youth and their accomplishments with the "Kids Set Sail" program. Last Friday DC Sail wrapped up with participants showing off



A "Kids Set Sail" team works on rounding their marks. Photo by Andrew Barabasz.

their skills to friends and family. The pictures say it all. With skill and confidence, kids handled their boats with precision by sailing together around their marks. A big congratulations goes out to the "Kids Set Sail" sailors.

But DC Sail's season isn't over yet. The Fourth Annual Cantina Cup Regatta is up next. This event will feature the DC Sail race community along with local sailors from all over the mid-Atlantic region. Converging on the Southwest Waterfront, this terrific event features a full day of sailing with over 100 participants to benefit DC Sail's adult sailing programs. Sailors will be racing DC Sail's Lasers, FJs and Flying Scots during the event as well as other keel boat fleets from the area.

Because the adult sailing programs are what fund the youth programs, this is another key fundraiser for DC Sail to ensure continuation and expansion of youth programming this fall and into next season. Cantina Marina and Mount Gay Rum have been key sponsors, and DC Sail plans to encourage additional sponsors in the community and expand registration for this great event.

There is still plenty of time to sign up for DC Sail activities. The best is yet to come with cool breezes in the fall season. Check out www.dcsail.org for more information.



The "Kids Set Sail" groups show skill and have fun. Photo by Andrew Barabasz.

Nationals plan exciting month of festivities for September

Now that the Washington Nationals are in the final month of the 2011 season, the team has planned a variety of events and activities to thank fans and season ticket holders for their unwavering support all season long. The Nationals will also distribute a variety of surprise giveaways – including autographed items from Nationals players, team merchandise, and valuable gift cards and experiences donated by corporate partners – to a number of lucky fans. The following festivities are scheduled:

Sept. 2-5: Grand Slam Labor Day Weekend

To celebrate the unofficial end of summer, the Washington Nationals and *The Washington Post* have teamed up to host a series of special events at Nationals Park as part of Grand Slam Labor Day Weekend. On Friday, Sept. 2 there will be a \$5 ticket offer for fans. Nationals fans can purchase tickets to the series opener against the New York Mets for just \$5 while supplies last. There will also be post-game fireworks presented by PNC Bank.

On Sat., Sept. 3 fans will have a chance to have their photos taken on the warning track with their favorite Nationals players, coaches,

executives and TV/radio personalities before the team takes on the Mets. Beginning at 4 p.m., limited areas of the warning track will be accessible to fans to walk around the outfield. The event will take place between 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

After Saturday's game fans will have the opportunity to stay around for a free concert with the band Lifehouse. The concert, presented by Coca-Cola is only available to spectators with valid tickets to that evening's game. The L.A.-based rock band Lifehouse is best known for the hit singles "You and Me," "Hanging by a Moment" and "Whatever It Takes."

On Sun., Sept. 4 the Nationals will host the Wounded Warrior Amputee Celebrity Softball game following the final game of the Nationals-Mets series. The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team is comprised of 15 veterans and active duty service members from across the United States, each of whom have lost limbs while serving our country. The squad will face a group of local D.C. celebrities as part of an on-field exhibition game following Sunday's Kids Run the Bases event.

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Tickets for the Nationals game against the Mets are on sale through a special ticket link at nationals.com/woundedwarriorsoftball. For each \$20 ticket purchased through the website, \$5 will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team. Seats will be located in sections 101-107, a perfect vantage point to take in the softball game. Spectators who wish to attend the softball game must have a valid ticket to the Sept. 4 Nationals-Mets game.

Tickets to the Nationals-Mets series finale will be available for \$1 to children ages 3 through 12. Fans may buy up to four tickets for \$1 each with the purchase of one full-priced adult ticket in select areas. Tickets can be purchased online at nationals.com/grandslam or at the Box Office on game day and are subject to availability.

Also on Sunday, Nationals players will sign autographs for approximately 20 minutes start-

ing at 12:15 p.m. on top of the dugouts. Autographs are available on a first-come, first-served basis, weather permitting, subject to player schedules and timing. Following the game, kids ages 4 through 12 are invited on to the field to run where their heroes play.

On Monday, Sept. 5 Nationals fans can purchase tickets to the series opener against the Los Angeles Dodgers for just \$5, while supplies last. Visit nationals.com/grandslam to purchase tickets.

Sept. 17: Picnic in the Park

All Nationals season ticket holders are invited to Nationals Park for the team's annual Picnic in the Park prior to the Nationals-Marlins game on Sept. 17. The event, which takes place from noon to 3:30 p.m., is offered exclusively to the Nationals' most loyal fans. Season ticket holders receive insider access to unique experiences throughout the ballpark.

Sept. 25: Fan Appreciation Day

The Nationals will celebrate the close of the season with Fan Appreciation Day when the team concludes their 2011 home schedule against the Atlanta Braves.

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